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## OF INTEREST TO MILK PRODUCERS

Through the United States there are now in operation 11,000 co-operative creameries and cheese factories which are considered successful, and nearly 400 farmers going to them; there is also in the United States 18,000,000 cows, so our government statistics tell us.

With one exception every standard farm journal published advocates co-operation among the farmers and this one exception is a journal published and owned by a gentleman of the highest standing. The writer can not positively state why this journal does not advocate co-operation, but it is a well known fact that its editor and owner is perhaps the largest single owner of creameries in the State of Wisconsin and I never have known a creamery man who did advocate co-operation or even admit that the principal was beneficial. It is true that there have been many co-operative companies (name only) started, and with rare exceptions they have failed. There has been and again will be farmers start farming and many of them fail but is that anything against the farm? Just so of co-operation. We are not the only people building creameries; we do however claim to be the only company doing business who organizes companies which are co-operative in method just as they are in name, and every time a community is brought together on a genuine co-operative principle, there you are sure to find success, and the cause is very plain to be seen, genuine co-operation is equally not speculative, and just as soon as the fact is known that Mr. B. can make no money out of Mr. C's raw material, but that each man is bound to get paid for just what his product nets in market, and when it is known that Mr. B. can have knowledge of no trade secrets or information in regard to the business which is not also known by Mr. C., just so soon the value of co-operation shows itself, and in every community where such organizations exist there also exists a feeling of fellowship never known before and in the farmers pocket is more money than he ever had before from his cows. The writer in no degree wishes you to think he is opposed to the middle man. He is not. They are very necessary. What he is opposed to, always was, always will be, is the middle man using every means in his power to create a monopoly and when he has shut out all competitors which interfere, force down the price of raw material below the cost of production. I am opposed to it on the principal that the day you remove from the farmer's pocket his profit that day you begin to destroy the future of our existence—the farm. All of us, I presume, is in business for gain, and those of us live the longest who's plan of business sees for a portion of the prosperity of the farmer not to impoverish him. It has repeatedly been proven that it costs the average farmer 90 cents to produce 100 pounds of milk, and when he is paid less money for it each milking finds him poorer. It is not the policy of the people whom I represent to seek newspaper notoriety. We will not, however, set by and be maligned. If our tub will not stand on its own bottom any man has the right to cause its collapse. He should, however, come out of his cover. When I learned the price dairymen here were getting for milk, I also learned something of the quality of his cows and the natural conditions for producing milk; that brought me here, 'twas not my purpose to throw mud nor discuss the business methods of any other man or men in the butter business. I am, however, forced to it in self defense and if the skeleton in the creamy closet in Middletown must be taken out I shall to the extent I'm pushed, help rattle his bones.

Last week I called your attention to a company organized by me at Quarryville, Pa., now wish to call your attention to a clipping from the Prattsburg Gazette Creem Co., N. Y., it speaks for itself:

CREAMERY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Prattsville Creamery Co., held at Erksin's Hall, on Tuesday, January 13th, was called to order by President Philip Conine, Sect'y C. A. Platner and Manager G. L. Persons being present.

Manager Persons being called upon, presented the following report.

No. lbs. butter fat..... 266,992

No. lbs. churn yield.... 32,553

No. lbs. butter..... 299,545

No. lbs. curd..... 119,374

Amount paid Patrons..... \$68,387.85

Amount Earnings..... 10,672.94

Total receipts of Creamery..... \$79,060.79

Salaries..... \$2,293.22

Extra Services..... 79.79

Supplies..... 5,952.06

Dividends and notes..... 1,622.54

Cash on hand..... 728.33

Expense, cash etc. .... \$10,672.04

The Treasurer's report showed the total

receipts of the creamery were \$79,060.79

and the disbursements were shown up by

way of vouchers.

Pertinent remarks were made by several

members of the company, and entire

confidence was expressed in the manage-

ment of the creamery, and all connected

with it.

The following gentlemen were elected

Directors for the coming year, viz: G. L.

Persons, Philip Conine, C. A. Platner,

Andrew Carman, George M. Becker.

At a meeting of the Directors, Wednes-

day the following officers were selected:

President, Philip Conine; Vice President,

Andrew Carman; Sect'y and Manager,

W. B. Chatfield; Treasurer, W. C. Plat-

ner.

We understand that Mr. Wright will be

retained as butter maker, and Charles

Dunham, as superintendent of the Casing

Department.

The Prattsville Creamery Company is

now receiving about 32 cents per pound

for butter.

I wish to add a little more light to it

however, for it may give you a better

idea of the value of your milk.

First, Prattsville is 44 miles from a railroad;

they ship their butter to Philadelphia;

they have no cows there except Holsteins

and if you will take your pencil you will

see that they received \$1.24 per cent. for their

milk throughout the year.

Now I wish to ask you, milk producers,

why you in this community, with the

same equipment, the same organization,

the same markets and 300 miles nearer

to them, cannot do as well?

We organized this company 3 years ago and at

least three months during the winter

they do not operate their plant owing

to the great amount of snow and severe

weather. Eight years ago we organized

a company at Flushing, N. Y., on the

U. & D. R. R., to-day within a radius of

51 miles from that point we have 27 of

these Pigg System plants operating.

On the 30th day of March last, the writer was telegraphed to come to New Berlin, N. Y., on the O. & W. R. R. I organized a company for the milk producers there and the 2d Tuesday in May they began doing business. The writer wishes to say a few words more and then express my apology for having consumed this much of your time and also apologize to THE TRANSCRIPT for imposing upon them.

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JULY 16, 1904.

### STATE CONVENTION

The Republican State Committee on Thursday ordered a State Convention to be called for Tuesday, August 18th, 1904, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Presidential Electors, Representative in Congress, Governor, and a whole state ticket. This is the earliest possible date at which a State Convention can be held, as the delegates from New Castle County must be chosen under the provision of the Primary Election Law. It is not generally known that the last Legislature amended the Primary Election Law to provide for the holding of a Primary anytime after the first day's registration. This year that date is Saturday, August 6th, and the delegates cannot be chosen until Monday, and the Convention held on Tuesday. This action of the State Committee means that the Republican State ticket will be first in the field, and the wisdom displayed in the selection of candidates will go far towards promoting one ticket, or two. We believe that it will be possible for this Convention to nominate a ticket that will be acceptable to the Union Republicans and which will receive the endorsement of that party's convention.

The result cannot be achieved, however, by the adoption of the men or methods urged by the *Evening Journal* or the *Sussex Republican*. The candidate for Governor, for instance, should be a Republican, who will treat both factions honestly and fairly, as we think the present Governor was disposed to do until driven to the Union Republicans by the abuse of certain men and organs. We can understand the position of the *Sussex Republican* in its demand for two tickets from "top to bottom." It has nothing to lose by such a course. The few Regular Republicans south of Duck Creek, while honest in their convictions and fearless in the fight put up for morality and good government are hardly to be considered as a political factor. In this county, however, there are 7000 or more Regular Republican who are just as honest and fearless, but who do not believe that it is necessary to turn the state and county over to the Democrats in order to beat Addicks, as they know the same result can be reached without the attendant loss of power and position. It therefore becomes necessary to be careful and cautious in the selection of delegates to the convention of August 9th, which may prove to be a turning point in the long fight against corruption and bossism.

### STATE CONVENTION MEETS AUGUST 9TH.

The Republican state committee, at a meeting in Dover Thursday decided to hold a state convention in Dover Tuesday, August 9th, to nominate a ticket, candidates, for Presidential electors, a representative in Congress and for the various state offices. Primaries to elect delegates to the state convention will be held throughout the state on Monday, August 8th.

The dates selected for the primaries and the convention are the earliest that possibly could be chosen under the new law governing primary elections. Heretofore it has been impossible to have primaries for any purpose until after the three registrations days in August, were past but the law was amended by the last legislature so that primary elections can be held at any time after the registration on the first Saturday in August. The first registration day this year will be on Saturday, August 6th, and the registration books will have to be ready for use at the primaries on the Monday following.

No call for the convention has been issued as yet by States Chairman L. Heisler Ball, but official notice of the election of August 8th as the date for primaries was filed Thursday evening by Chairman Ball and Secretary Frank L. Speakman with the Department of Elections and with Sheriff Stidam.

### Conference to Meet in Wilmington

Presiding elders of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference met in consultation at Dover on Tuesday to discuss matters of interest to the church in the territory embraced in the conference. The important subject considered was the selection of a place meeting for the session of conference in March next. It will be in Wilmington, but in just what church is to be determined later.

[Communicated.]

### A GREAT INJUSTICE

New Era I believe would never have written to Mr. Cheuning for information had it known that Mr. C. is the superintendent of the Borden Condensery at New Berlin and bitterly fought me while raising the stock for the plant there; who ever gave the *Era* Mr. Cheuning's address well knew Mr. C's attitude toward co-operation. The writer has never said he was in the employ of the Casien Co.; he has their contract in his possession; however, wherein they bind themselves to pay the farmers for their product if I organize a company here, and to this extent I represent the Casien Co. of America. The writer did not suppose that Mr. Collingwood of the "Rural New York" would know anything of the Casien Co.; and I repeat that Farm Journals advocate co-operation. From the letter Mr. Collingwood writes "would seem that the inquiry he received was so worded that Mr. C's reply would be in the form of 'knock-out drops.' As to the cost of the plant the writer has proposed to build, yet the cost will be \$4600 and I think the *New Era* does me an injustice to make comments or comparisons where neither my plans or specifications have been inspected by its editor.

### CO-OPERATION AHEAD.

The *New York Farmer* of July 7th has the following to say of the co-operative creamery:

"Reports from co-operative butter factories show that their May and June returns beat both the liquid-market and condensery net returns by a satisfactory margin."

"Many of the co-operative factories, that have established a reputation for good butter, are receiving for their product a price considerably above the highest market quotations for fancy creamery."

"These factories are saving their producers from the positive losses on milk that are being netted by the farmers who sell to the milk middlemen of all classes."

Someone has been writing inquiries for *The New Era* in its last two issues for the supposed purpose of casting doubts in the minds of cow owners as to the status of one J. F. Harding and the people he has the honor to represent. Following is a copy of a letter received by Messrs. Cook & Brady which needs no explanation:

MIDDLETON FARMS,  
COOK & BRADY,  
Middletown, Del.

GENTLEMEN:—We are in receipt of yours of the 9th, inst. inquiring regarding Mr. J. F. Harding of Oxford, Pa. We are pleased to inform you that Mr. Harding has been working for us for something over a year. Mr. Harding is working under the direct supervision of our Mr. T. B. Floyd who is located at Binghamton, N. Y., and who has charge of our work pertaining to the establishment of creamery enterprises in your section. Mr. Harding has been very successful in his work. If there is further information which you desire along this line or pertaining to any of our methods in connection with this work shall be pleased to advise you.

Yours truly,  
CREAMERY PACKAGE MFG. CO.  
H. B. Osgood, Sales Mgr.

In the letter of L. C. Davis published on the first page of this issue we made a mistake in copying. It should read—"are now receiving about 7,000 pounds milk daily, and making same into butter."

J. F. HARDING,  
Middletown Hotel.

### BASE BALL

Port Deposit proved easy for the Chesapeake boys on Saturday last at Port Deposit. The visitors played the fastest game seen in the League this year. Port was out classed, Chesapeake winning by the score of 5 to 0.

Saturday, July 19th, at 3 P. M., Elkins Park try conclusions with Chesapeake at Chesapeake. A warm game is expected.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.  
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,  
To the SHERIFF of NEW CASTLE COUNTY,  
GREETING:—

Whereas, Mary A. Warrick by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint thereto, alleged that the application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Benjamin F. Warrick.

We, therefore, command you, as you were lawfully commanded, that you summon Benjamin F. Warrick that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Nineteenth day of September next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary A. Warrick, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Sixth day of July A. D. nineteen hundred and four.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,  
Issued July 14th, 1904. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.  
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,  
To the SHERIFF of NEW CASTLE COUNTY,  
GREETING:—

Whereas, Ella J. Parker by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, [Seal] for the cause of complaint herein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Ryal C. Parker.

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### WARWICK

Miss Bessie R. Merritt was a visitor in town this week.

Mrs. Ginn, of near Odessa, was a visitor in town Monday.

Miss Minnie Smith is spending sometime in Camden, N. J.

Miss Anna Beatty is sojourning at the home of Miss Elsie Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garner were Smyrna visitors one day this week.

Washington Camp meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Ollie Milburn, of Crumpton, is visiting relatives near town.

Miss Emma Vinyard was the guest of Miss Edna V. Stephens one day this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, of New Haven, Conn., are guests at the home of Mr. Edgar Bishop near town.

Preaching in Mount Olivet, M. P. Church to-morrow at 8 P. M., Rev. F. S. Cain pastor. Senior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting at the usual hour. All are invited.

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### FIRST JIM CROW CAR SUIT

The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company now has the first suit to contend with as the result of the "Jim Crow" cars in Maryland.

Willits King, colored, of No. 538

Seybert Street, Philadelphia, has brought the suit against the company to test the

constitutionality of Maryland's "Jim Crow" car law.

On July 1 King bought a ticket in Philadelphia for Baltimore. After leaving Wilmington, King was told to go in the "Jim Crow Car" which he refused to do, saying he had a right to remain where he was as the train was an express and not an accommodation train.

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### PROPOSALS.

Bids will be received at the State Library, Dover, until October 15 at 12 o'clock M. for the following supplies for the Legislature of 1905, viz:

20,000 envelopes, size 6½ x 10, 10,000 envelopes, size 9; 10,000 envelopes, size 10; 40,000 packet note heads; 15,000 letter heads; 15 reams commercial note; 15 reams legal cap; 15 reams ledger paper; 15 reams reading paper; 5 reams foolscap paper; 300 medium orange pads; 10 gross cut blotters; 7 dozen desk records; 7 dozen pocket men; orange books; 6 dozen letter clips; 6 dozen Shanno's letter files; 6 dozen calendar files; 6 dozen leather record folders; 6 dozen sponge cups and sponges; 15 metal stand; 6 dozen rubber rules; 6 dozen paper shears, 10 inches; 1 dozen knife erasers; 12 dozen glass ink stands; 1 dozen safety glass ink stands; 1 dozen pocket men; orange pads; 6 dozen pen racks; 2 dozen feather dusters; 1 dozen spoons pink tape; 1 dozen chamois skins; 1 dozen whisk brooms; 1 dozen combs; 1 dozen hair brushes; 2 dozen French brushes; 1 dozen black leather cases; 1 dozen toilet cases; 6 dozen towels; 1 dozen dust brushes; 4 dozen dust puffs; 1 dozen thermometers; 2 gross pen holder; 1½ dozen school bags, leather.

All goods to be strictly first-class according to the descriptions given above or that will be rejected. Bidders can examine specifications and sample on any day after Sept. 15, 1904, between 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. on one day's notice to Librarian. All goods must be delivered on or before December 1, 1904.

CORNELIUS FREAR,  
State Librarian.  
DOVER, DEL.

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AGENTS IN ALL THE PRINCIPAL TOWNS.

### NOTICE--DIVIDEND

CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK,  
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE  
July 5th, 1904.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. clear of Taxes, payable on and after Saturday, July 9th, 1904.

JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

### NOTICE--DIVIDEND

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK,  
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE  
June 27th, 1904.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after Saturday, July 9th, 1904.

GEORGE D. KELLEY, Cashier.

### NOTICE -- DIVIDEND

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK,  
ODESSA, DELAWARE

July 6th, 1904.

The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. clear of Taxes, payable on and after the 13th instant.

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Trains leave Middletown as follows:

North Bound—3:29 A.M., 9:22 and 10:24 P.M.; 1:34 P.M. and 4:30 P.M.

South Bound—12:36, 8:31, 9:10 and 11:28 A.M.; 4:43, 5:41 and 7:15 P.M.

Mails close as follows:

Going North—7:20 A.M., 10:45 A.M., 3:50 P.M., 5:45 P.M. and 9:30 P.M.

Going South—8:00 A.M., 4:15 P.M. and 9 P.M.

For Odessa—7:30 A.M., 8:30 A.M., 11:45 A.M., 4:45 P.M. and 7:15 P.M.

For Warwick, Cecilton and Early—9:30 A.M., 4:45 P.M. and 4:45 P.M.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JULY 16, 1904.

### Local News.

Deviled Crabs at JONES & BRADLEY'S.

MONTGOMERY's ice cream is fast gaining a reputation.

New Way for Sale—PASTURE LOT FOR RENT. Apply to MRS. F. E. COMEGYS.

Cream furnished for all picnics at Lorewood. C. B. LORE.

Mr. Pleasant, Del. Deviled Crabs at JONES & BRADLEY.

A carload of Middlings for sale at G. L. COCHERAN's Warehouse.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.

Mr. Hezekiah Rogers, father of Mrs. W. P. Cullen and grandfather of Mrs. T. S. Fourcier and Miss Hattie Cullen of this town, died at his home near Frederica early Wednesday morning, aged 90 years. Funeral services were held at his late residence Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The remains were entered in Barrett's Chapel Cemetery.

Only a few crops of wheat have been threshed in this vicinity as yet. The moist condition of the weather the past week has been much in the way. As between the owners of threshing outfits who wish to make time and the growers who desire their grain housed in good condition, there is being quite a pull. The crops which are in barns are generally said to be of good quality, but the yield is little below the average.

Crabbing parties are becoming popular with our young folks, the sport and pastime being enjoyed by many married couples and older people as well. The drive, to the Maryland or Delaware waters, the ample filled lunch baskets, the sail on the water, the sport of catching the pesky little crabs, afford much sport and excitement to say nothing of the dangers of pinched fingers, sun-brown cheeks, etc. On Monday morning last a large party visited Town Point, Md., and had a fine time—minus a single crab. In the party were: Frank R. Pool and wife, Henry Shroeder and wife, Miss J. L. Shepard, Mrs. Rose Kennedy, Mrs. W. E. Barnard, Mrs. Harry D. Howell, Mrs. Fannie Lockwood, Miss Doris Price, Miss Maria Nowland, Miss Doris Holton, and William Hukill, William Brady, Dr. M. Vaughan and Dr. C. H. Green.

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State Treasurer and Mrs. M. B. Burris are being entertained by Kenton relatives.

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Mrs. Halstead sat upon a low stool beneath the window in a decidedly uncomfortable posture, getting a crick in her back in her endeavor to obtain a fair view of proceedings in and about the aforesaid premises.

"There! I knew he would never get by without her'd waylay him," she whispered, as Hiram Halstead's old graying stopped before the opposite side, his ears, he plodded out to the barn with his burden.

Weeks lengthened into months and months into years, and the brown coil on the back of Serena Halstead's head faded to pale yellow and then to white. She kept her own counsel and answered the comments and questionings of her neighbors with a prolonged stare and a further tightening of her thin lips.

Time had revealed the cruel falsehood of her suspicions, but it had never given her up the secret of the whereabouts of Hiram Halstead. He had disappeared from all those who had known him as a fair-going, obliging neighbor a man is," she muttered irritably as she scrubbed away vigorously with a rag and some soap.

After supper Hiram sat sleepily toasting his stocking feet before the fire, while his wife carefully swept the imaginary crumbs from the floor with a lop-sided broom. He watched her dreamily as she twisted its uneven lengths into the corners and about the legs of the flat-topped table.

"Why don't ye sweep straight, Sereny, and wear your broom off even, like the widow Haff? Her broom is as square and trim as it was when it come out of the store?"

Serena Halstead paused with her broom in mid-air. This was the proverbial last feather, this comparing her methods of doing anything with the ways of that good-for-nothing—she felt that language would fail her to attempt expression of half the depth of her feelings.

The ominous silence did more to arouse her husband from his musing mood than any tirade of words. He looked up inquiringly. The lighting fires of wrath were scintillating flashes strong from her eyes, and she stood and glared at him.

"How long is it, Hiram Halstead, since you took to comparing my brooms and my ways of doing things with the ways of that impudent hussy across the road? How long is it, I say?" she repeated menacingly, with upraised broom, before which Hiram involuntarily quailed.

"Must be you're getting uncommon familiar there. Now see here, Hiram, I've stood a plenty of this kind of doin's. This house is getting too small for both you and me, too; you'd better find another. Do you hear?" she screamed, her anger possessing her to the exclusion of every other emotion.

"Go, I say! Go!" she commanded fiercely and, turning, fled into the bedroom, and closing the door, locked it.

Hiram Halstead looked after her with a dazed expression on his face. Had he heard her right? She said so many sharp, cutting things that he was becoming used to them, and they were losing the power they once had to sting.

He had long since ceased to strive with her for the questionable triumph of the last word. But she had never before told him to go. Could she have meant it?

The severe cold of the winter was a thing of the past, and the season for the planting of crops was still some weeks distant. Andrew could keep things running as well as she could, and—well, she was growing old, and so was Rebecca. A year longer might be too late; besides, it was useless to deny it, she was lonely. She longed inexpressibly for the presence of some human creature which should, in some manner, belong to her, to the old life which seemed so very far away. There was no one but Rebecca, now that Hiram had dropped out of her life; no kith or kin to interest themselves in her belongings, or to care whether she journeyed abroad or tarried at home.

"If you don't get him out you can let me stay here till doomsday," she cried fiercely.

"Is he your husband, ma'am?" asked the man, curiously.

"Yes he's my husband, and I hasn't seen him before in fifteen years till I see him in that pile of ruins. Now will you go to work? Hiram, Hiram I'll call you to work, turn, m'an."

Presently, after an age of agony, two stretchers stood side by side in the car, waiting to receive the bruised and maimed survivors of the Wayland railway horror.

"Yes, he lost a leg and I lost an arm, but we are pretty good team if we are a little mismatched, ain't we, Hiram?" she said turning to the white-haired old man who stood leaning on his crutches in the mild glow of the autumn afternoon, as she dexterously whisked a lop-sided broom around among the table legs after a few stray crumbs.

Andrew had brought her to the depot in the green express wagon, and with difficulty had deposited her rope-bound trunk on the platform. It gave her a strange sensation to see him drive away toward home, almost as if she had gone out of the old life. An impulse to call him back and clamber into the high seat beside him was sternly resisted, and she went into the depot and sat down. Then she went to the little window and purchased her ticket. She had buried her bridges; there could be no retreating now.

The wind wailed dismally about the house and a few hard pellets of frozen snow rattled against the window.

He groped feebly among the garments hanging behind the kitchen stove for his faded blue swanky; then he found his old Scotch cap and pulled it well down over his ears and tied an ancient red muffler about his throat, as he had been wont to do on stormy days. His rain mittens, too, he took from under the stove, where he had laid them to dry, and opening the door, went out into the night.

The clock struck nine and the fire had long since burned out and ice was beginning to freeze on the windows.

The foliage of a red geranium which stood upon the sill, with its one cluster of blooms flushing ruby red, stiffened into leaves of ice as the wind crept into the crevices in the sash.

Finally the bedroom door was cautiously opened a little way, then wider, and Mrs. Halstead looked out into the room. The old kitchen chair beside the stove was empty, and the chintz-covered lounge had no occupant beside the couch, who mewed inquiringly as she came slowly out.

"Gone to the barn, most likely," she thought as she rekindled the kitchen fire for the second time since morning. Then she sat down and waited.

Finally she took down the lantern and lit it; then she pinned the gray shawl over her head and went out.

The snow lay in drifts about the steps and no foot had disturbed them for hours.

She ploughed her way to the barn. Old Gray looked up with a whining of the pocketbook for pennies, and counting up the required number, bought a paper and unfolded it.

Great staring headlines of black and white, telling of floods and washouts, bridges swept away and submerged farms, with interest. Such rapidity of motion gave her a queer sensation, and she involuntarily grasped the plush covered arm of the seat as the train thundered over a long trestle-work bridge with water splashing flat below.

The newsboy came noiselessly in with a bundle of papers, declaiming loudly, "All about the floods along the Hiawatha River. Railroad bridge washed out and fifteen people killed."

Mrs. Halstead watched his progress through the car with fascinating interest. As he drew near she fumbled in her pocketbook for pennies, and counting up the required number, bought a paper and unfolded it.

At a small wayside station a little old man in a Scotch cap and buttercup-colored clothes passed by the car window where she sat idly watching the few stragglers about the depot. Something about the manner of his walk aroused her interest, and she watched him until he had passed beyond her range of vision.

Presently, with a jerk, the train started on again and she leaned back and closed her eyes.

"Hiram had always been partial to Scotch caps," she mused dreamily.

The train thundered on and its monotonous rumble died away into an indistinct murmur that sounded like the old red ranning mill in the barn at home, which she was running on and on as she used to while Hiram shoveled in the pile of amber wheat. She tugged at the crank until her arm ached, but still he shoveled faster and faster, and the grain in the hopper piled up and ran down upon the floor. With a despairing tug the handles broke and she fell down, down—would never cease falling?

She slept soundly after that, and when she awoke there was no rumble of jolting car wheels or rattle of machinery.

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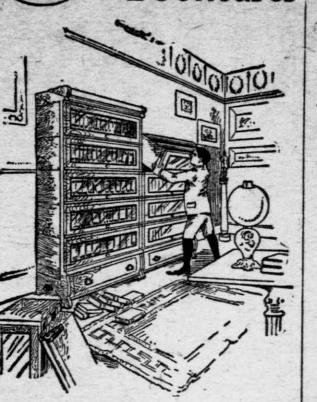
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